

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "**A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR NEGOTIATING IMPROVED TERMS FOR PRODUCTS BEING PURCHASED THROUGH THE INTERNET**," the specification of which:

- ☒ is attached hereto.  
☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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<u>Prior Foreign Application No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Filing Date</u> <u>(mm/dd/yy)</u>	<u>Priority</u> <u>Claimed</u>	<u>Cert. copy</u> <u>Attached</u>
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<u>Provisional Application No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u> <u>(mm/dd/yy)</u>
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**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY  
STATUS (37 C.F.R. § 1.9(F) AND § 1.27(B)) - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR NEGOTIATING IMPROVED TERMS FOR PRODUCTS BEING PURCHASED THROUGH THE INTERNET, described in:

☒ the specification filed herewith  
☐ application serial no.: \_\_\_\_\_, filed: \_\_\_\_\_  
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